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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SIYAD'S ADDRESS TO MANAGING DIRECTORS
OF STATE INDUSTRIES

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OCTOBER STAR AND SONNA NEWS BULLETIN, NOV. 8 CARRIED FRONT
PAGE STORIES OF PRESIDENT SIYAD'S SPEECH TO MANAGING DIRECTORS
OF STATE INDUSTRIES WHO JUST COMPLETED WEEK'S SEMINAR ON WAYS
TO IMPROVE AND INCREASE PRODUCTION OF SOMALI INDUSTRIES.

EXCERPTS OF PRESIDENT SIYAD'S SPEECH AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN EXCERPTS - THE PRESIDENT OF THE SRC MAJ GEN. MOHAMED
SIYAD BARRE TONIGHT SAID THAT A PRE-REQUISITE FOR SOMALIA'S
SUCCESS LIES IN THE ADOPTATION OF SOCIALIST POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.

ADDRESSING THE MANAGING DIRECTORS OF STATE INDUSTRIES AND
SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY WHO FINISHED A
WEEK SEMINAR, GEN. SIYAD POINTED OUT THAT THE TIME HAS COME
FOR SOMALIA'S EFFECTIVE TRANSFORMATION FROM CAPITALIST ROAD TO
SOCIALIST ONE, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY. BUT
THE PRESIDENT ALSO WARNED THAT SUCH SOCIALIST PHILOSOPHY SHOULD
BE RECONCILED WITH SOMALIA'S SPECIFIC CONDITIONS AND TRADITIONS.

HE SAID ANY DEVIATION FROM THIS LINE OF THOUGHT IS BOUND
TO LEAD US INTO AN IRREPARABLE DISASTER.

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THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE SENIOR INDUSTRIALISTS WHO HAVE FINISHED

A WEEK-LONG SEMINAR AND DEBATES HERE TODAY THAT THEY WILL PERFORM THEIR DUTIES IN MOST EASY WAY IF THEY ARE ARMED WITH SOCIALIST IDEOLOGY, WHICH IS BOUND TO WIDEN THEIR SCOPE OF THINKING.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WORKERS OF STATE INDUSTRIES AND THE AUTHORITIES, GEN. SIYAD EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP...

GEN. SIYAD EXPLAINED THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF INDIVIDUALISM AND ADVISED THE AUTHORITIES OF STATE INDUSTRIES THAT THE ONLY ROAD WHICH CAN SAVE THEM FROM SUSPICION IS THE CREATION OF COLLECTIVE COMMAND...

HE SAID THE POLICY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IS TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVATE INDUSTRIES BECAUSE IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY...

HE, HOWEVER, WARNED THAT WHILE SOMALIA ENCOURAGES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVATE INDUSTRIES, IT WILL NEVER ALLOW PRIVATE INDUSTRIES THAT ARE UNNECESSARY OR DUPLICATE THE WORK OF THE EXISTING ONES...

HE CALLED SOMALI INTELLECTUALS TO HAVE INITIATIVES AND COME OUT WITH NEW IDEAS WHICH ARE DIVORCED FROM THE THINKING OF "YOUR FOREIGN PROFESSORS..."

HE SAID CONDITIONS IN SOMALIA ARE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM THE CONDITIONS THAT WERE PREVAILING IN THE COUNTRIES WHICH MANY SOMALI INTELLECTUALS GOT THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION. "I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THE IDEA OF GOING ABROAD FOR SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE THIS HAS PROVED TO BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH OUR ASPIRATIONS AND NEEDS."

"DO NOT IMITATE FOREIGNERS, BE ORIGINAL AND DEPEND ON YOUR OWN THINKING" HE STRESSED.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SRC SAID SINCE 1974 HAS BEEN EARMARKED AS THE YEAR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SOMALI INDUSTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE A LOT TO THIS GOAL... END EXCERPTS.
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